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SUBJECT: BRANDT SPEAKS AGAIN ON RADICALISM

1. BRANDT, SPEAKING IN BONN ON SEPTEMBER 16, THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF SPD HERO OTTO WELS, DEALT ONCE MORE WITH THE QUESTION OF RADICALISM. HE PLEDGED THE SPD TO A DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY "AGAINST THE EXTORTION-IST ANARCHY OF SPECIAL GROUPS" AND SAID THAT, "THE STATE WE REPRESENT WILL NOT BECOME THE INSTRUMENT OF THOSE WITH POWER AND PRIVILEGE, NOR WILL IT BECOME THE TAG OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS, BUT RATHER THE COMMON CREATION OF ITS CITIZENS."

2. BRANDT ALSO SAID THAT THE "FOLLOWERS OF DICTATORSHIP --NO MATTER WHAT COLOR--HAVE NO PLACE" IN THE SPD AND THAT "THE SPD IS NOT GOING TO PANIC BECAUSE OF A CAMPAIGN OF FEAR WAGED BY THOSE WHO SEEK TO CONVINCE THE CITIZENS OF GERMANY THAT THEIR COUNTRY IS SERIOUSLY ENDANGERED BY THE DKP OR THE VARIOUS LEFTIST OR RIGHTIST COMMUNIST GROUPS."

3. COMMENT: BRANDT'S REMARKS, HOWEVER INDIRECT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MILD, ARE A CLEAR ATTACK ON THE SPD'S RADICAL LEFT WING.

OTHER SPOKESMEN FOR THE PARTY'S "SILENT MAJORITY" HAVE ALSO RECENTLY, AND MUCH MORE HARSHLY, ATTACKED THE LEFT WHICH HAS RECENTLY MADE SUCH A CONFRONTATION INEVITABLE BY SUPPORTING THE APPOINTMENT OF COMMUNISTS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE AND WILDCAT STRIKES. THIS LATTER STANCE IN PARTICULAR TRIGGERED A STRONG REACTION FROM THE TRADE UNION LEADERSHIP WHICH IS MUCH CONCERNED WITH CONTROL OF THE UNIONS' MEMBERSHIP.  
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